



**VB/I-70
Sampling Access Summary**

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Issue: This documents the various actions that EPA has taken to encourage those landlords and/or property owners within the VB/I-70 Superfund boundaries who have ignored or refused EPA's request to sample their soil for lead and arsenic.

For all the following groups, EPA has done the following:

- Since 1999, EPA has mailed updates and fact sheets about the project to all property owners and landlords, within the VB/I-70 boundaries. Many of these mailings specifically requested that property owners participate in the sampling effort and allow EPA access to their properties.
- From July – September 2005, community leaders attempted to personally contact all property owners, including those landlords who live within the VB/I-70 boundaries.
- EPA has repeatedly discussed this issue with the Working Group and received their input on the subject.

In addition, EPA did the following for each group:

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 - Community leaders attempted to contact them personally in 2005
 - PRI mailing every four to six weeks
 - Last Chance letter mailed January 2006
 - EPA representatives attempted to contact them personally in 2006
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